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the matter of fairness and equity should be enough to adopt my amendment, but I recognize that there are those people who are more concerned about the jobs in some of the urban areas. But it seems rather odd that the introducers of this piece of legislation who are now opposed to this amendment had the bill drafted with this language in it. It must have looked pretty good to them in January when they had the bill drafted. It is strange that it still doesn't look good. Is it because there was no members of some farm organization that came in and supported the bill at the hearing? Instead it was representatives of the Lincoln Chamber, the Omaha Chamber and commerce and industry. Maybe that is the reason. I don't know. But it just seems to me that jobs are just as important to those of us in rural Nebraska as they are to those in the urban areas. Investments in our local economy is just as important to us and again I would reiterate that for the good of the nation and the good of the entire state and the good of our agricultural enterprise, those industries who wind up using up some of that feed grains that we seem to be able to raise too much of shouldn't be discouraged. On the contrary, they should be encouraged. Now if that means that we are going to have to have, as Senator Pappas says, if that means we are going to have to have a veterinary school because we are going to have more livestock in this state, then so be it.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: But I think we are going to have to have the more livestock first of all. So I guess I would like to see this particular type of encouragement to those businesses wanting to expand to apply across the board whether it be rural or urban, and I urge the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the Vickers amendment to the committee amendments. Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Voting on the Vickers amendment to the committee amendments. All those in the Chamber, it would be helpful if you would record your vote if you so wish to. The motion is the adoption of the Vickers amendment to the committee amendments. Twenty more seconds to record the vote. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, I hate to do it, Mr. President, but we are getting pretty close. How many people are excused?

PRESIDENT: One is excused. Three now. Three are excused.